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# News Release

## **ICE AGENTS ARREST 460<sup>th</sup> SEXUAL PREDATOR IN TEXAS**

*Cleofas Herra-Teran to be deported soon*

WACO, Texas—A Waco man was arrested here yesterday as a convicted sexual predator by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations agents.

Cleofas Herrera-Teran, 53, a Mexican national, marks the 460<sup>th</sup> sexual predator arrested in Texas under Operation Predator since this nationwide initiative began in July 2003.

“Herrera immigrated to the United States as a permanent resident in 1991,” said Marc Moore, ICE San Antonio field office director. However, while Herrera was living in Waco, he was arrested March 31 by Waco Police and charged and convicted of “indecency with a child,” which included two girls, ages 11 and 13. He was sentenced to 10 years probation.

“As a convicted aggravated felon, he is deportable according to federal immigration law,” Moore said. Herrera will be detained without bond until he is deported.

“Operation Predator is a successful program to remove those who prey on young children by committing sex crimes against them,” Moore said. The ICE San Antonio Fugitive Operations Unit alone has located and arrested more than 101 sexual predators.

ICE’s Operation Predator protects children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 4,900 individuals nationwide. Texas is second in the nation, next to California, with 460 arrests under this initiative.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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